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## "Return to Monticello" Nickels Featured in United States Mint 2006 Spring Gift Catalog

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## Beginner Set and Special Collectibles Highlight Full Array of Products

Washington — The United States Mint announced today that the 2006 United States Mint Spring Gift Catalog, featuring the 2006 "Return to Monticello" First Day Coin Cover and Two — Roll Sets, which concludes the historic Westward Journey Nickel Series™, will be available by mail and online beginning June 13, 2006.

"This new catalog presents a wide variety of products that reflect our finest work," said United States Mint Deputy Director Dave Lebryk in his letter to collectors, "from beautiful precious metal coinage in gold, silver and platinum, to the educational value reflected in our Beginner Basics set, and the annual sets that form the foundation of numismatic collections around the world."

Limited to 50,000 sets, each "Return to Monticello" First Day Coin Cover sells for \$19.95 and features two nickels from the first day of production (one each from the United States Mint at Philadelphia and Denver) and a \$.39 United States Lady Liberty and Flag stamp and postal cancellation from the coins' first day of release to the Federal Reserve.

Collectors can also celebrate the conclusion of the Westward Journey Nickel Series™ by purchasing specially wrapped rolls of the 2006 "Return to Monticello" nickel. Each two–roll set, priced at \$8.95, includes 80 nickels from the main production floors of the facilities that manufacture all U.S. circulating coins: one roll of 40 coins with the Philadelphia mint mark and one roll of 40 coins with the Denver mint mark.

For those just starting their collection, Collecting America's Coins: Beginner Basics, provides the perfect introduction to numismatics. An informative booklet familiarizes new collectors with the language of the hobby, and explains some of the processes involved in making our Nation's coinage. The set also includes a one–cent planchet; a pair of circulating one–cent coins; a pair of uncirculated, satin finish dimes and a proof half–dollar, all for \$14.50.

Collectors will also welcome the return of genuine United States Mint collector boxes in two sizes. Priced at \$12.95, the small size is designed to fit the single package of either the 2006 United States Mint 50 State Quarters Proof Set™ or the 2006 United States Mint 50 State Quarters Silver Proof Set™. The large size, priced at \$13.95, holds 10 sets of either the 2006 United States Mint Proof Set® or the 2006 United States Mint Silver Proof Set™, each with two packages per set.

The popular 50 State Quarters Coin and Die Sets feature the first two 2006 quarters, honoring Nevada and Nebraska. Each Coin and Die Set includes a completely defaced die, one of the first 2006–dated quarters struck with that die and a numbered Certificate of Authenticity, priced at \$34.95.

Medals featured in this year's spring catalog include one of the most popular medals produced by the United States Mint, the White House medal. The obverse of the White House medal depicts the classic north portico and the reverse features John and Abigail Adams, the first residents of the Executive Mansion. The 3-inch bronze medal is \$38.00 and the 1½-inch medal \$3.75.

Annual sets and special products also featured in the 2006 United States Mint Spring Gift Catalog include:

The 2006 United States Mint 50 State Quarters Silver Proof Set™ at \$23.95;

The 2006 United States Mint Silver Proof Set at \$37.95™;

The 2006 United States Mint 50 State Quarters Proof Set™ at \$15.95;

The 2006 United States Mint Proof Set® at \$22.95;

The 2006 American Eagle Silver Proof Coin for \$27.95;

The 2006 American Eagle Gold and Platinum Proof Coins — in 1/10 ounce, ¼ ounce and ½ ounce, one ounce denominations, and in four-coin sets. Note: The American Eagle Gold Proof one-ounce coin is sold out.

2006 Kennedy Half-Dollar 200-Coin Bags (P or D Mint mark) for \$135;

2006 Kennedy Half-Dollar Two-Roll Sets for \$35.50;

2006 Golden Dollar 250-Coin Bags (P or D Mint mark) for \$347;

2006 Golden Dollar Coin Rolls (P or D Mint mark) for \$35.50;

Charles M. Schulz Bronze Medals for \$38.00 (3-inch) and \$3.75 (11/2-inch);

Thomas Jefferson Peace Medals for \$38.00 (3-inch) and \$3.50 (15/16-inch).

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